

## **KARO-ECHO Board Meeting**

**11/08/19**

### **El Cerrito Natural Grocery Annex**

#### **Present:**

Hal, kk6ndf

Don, ni6a

Howdy, ke6bee

Larry, kk6gio

#### **Equipment**

GoKart – Davis is installing a new Garage door opener and then Howdy will designate 4-7 operators who will be vetted to be trained by Don to access the go-kart. **ACTION ITEM.**

The Go-Kart now has a Tram 1464 GMRS antenna and 50 watt Kenwood TK-880H GMRS radio, extra coax, and tripod so that it can act as a GMRS/FRS to Ham gateway Communications Hub.

Howdy has installed the new GMRS antenna, coax, and external patch box at Tassajara Park (CERT EC9 staging). A new external patch box has been installed at Harding Park clubhouse for both Ham and GMRS. Howdy will liaison with Parks and Recs to install new GMRS and ham antennas at Cerrito Vista Park and an additional GMRS antenna at Harding Park. An additional GMRS antenna is planned for the KCC if KCC permits. Don suggested installing antennas at Arlington Park, Canyon Trail, and Castro Club houses. **ACTION ITEM:** Ongoing project to include GMRS antenna at Harding Clubhouse, a ham and GMRS antenna at Cerrito Vista Park, and a GMRS antenna at the KCC

#### **New Hams in El Cerrito/Kensington**

Howdy will keep track of all the new hams who become licensed in El Cerrito/Kensington each month and mail them a copy of the newsletter and other such invitations. **ACTION ITEM**

#### **New Potential Hams in El Cerrito/Kensington**

On the last CERT survey, one of the questions was “Are you interested in learning about

radio communication for disasters?” (paraphrased). Hal will follow up in getting the addresses of the 107 CERT graduates who expressed interest in disaster communications so that we can follow up with them. Hal said that the addresses are now in Rob’s hands. Don asked Hal to follow up with Rob, **ACTION ITEM**

### **Light Up the Bay Nov. 16**

Hal announced that Kensington 6 CERT plans to participate in LUTB exercise using frs at the street level to the message center hub in central Kensington 6 which will have both a FRS and ham operator. Messages will be triaged to the simulated EOC station and from there messages will be further triaged and sent to county OES, Details will be worked out by Hal. No other El Cerrito or Kensington CERT area has stepped up to participate. solved.

### **Agenda items for the next meeting:**

The first hour will be a debriefing/critique of the October 26 SET presided by Howdy. Don wants ten minutes to present.

Hal will ascertain at the general meeting what hams need access to the EOC during a disaster and who need CERT ID cards. So far Howdy, Larry V, Natalie, Rob, Tom, Robin, and Davis are on the list. **We need hams in EC who live close to the EOC** and may be able to get there in an emergency. Hal will ask Kevin to set up a date and time for the cards. **ACTION ITEM**

We will need volunteers to serve in the nomination committee tor choose candidates the 2019 December election for president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. [Normally the nominations committee asks whether the existing experienced officers are willing to stay on first.]

Since Jamuel has moved to Berkeley and has become inactive in KaroEcho the past few months, the board wishes to officially thank Jamuel for his two year service as KaroEcho’s first modern Emergency Coordinator moving us by a firm hand through the storm into calm waters. The board then unanimously nominated and voted in Howdy, KE6BEE, as KAROECHO’s second EC of the modern era.

Notes by ni6a

“The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars. But in ourselves, that we are underlings.” ~ “Julius Caesar”, Act I, Scene III, L. 140-141.

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